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SUBJECT: DRAFT BATTERY AGREEMENT

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1. AS INDICATED PARA 3, REF 1), JAPANESE BATTERY PROJECT OFFICERS TAKING VERY NARROW PERSPECTIVE OF BATTERY AGREEMENT. THIS POSITION APPARENTLY DUE TO SEVERAL FACTORS: 1) SINCE JAPANESE PROGRAM SOLELY DEVOTED TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE BATTERIES AND THERE IS NO INTEREST IN LOAD LEVELLING, JAPANESE SEE LITTLE TO GAIN BY US-JAPAN AGREEMENT; 2) JAPANESE PROGRAM SCHEDULED TO TERMINATE IN MARCH, 1977 (PARA 2, REF 2) AND JAPANESE HAVE NEITHER THE TIME NOR THE INCLINATION TO SHIFT DIRECTION OF PROGRAM AT THIS LATE DATE, SO EVEN IF INTERESTING INFORMATION SHOULD SURFACE, THEY WILL MOST LIKELY NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO USE IT; 3) JAPANESE SUSPECT THAT ANY INFORMATION THEY MIGHT BE REALLY INTERESTED IN, NAMELY THAT ON VEHICLE BATTERIES, WOULD BE TIED UP BY US AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURES; 4) BATTERY PROJECT OFFICE CONSTRAINED BY EXTREMELY BUREAUCRATIC ORIENTATION; LACKS IMAGINATION AND RANGE. SCIREP UNABLE TO CONVINCE ITOH THAT SECTION DRAFT ARRANGEMENT WHICH ITOH WISHED DELETED WERE PERMISSIVE RATHER THAN OBLIGATORY.

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WM FOLLOWING IS DRAFT OF AGREEMENT AS MODIFIED BY BATTERY

PROJECT OFFICE. QUOTE:

THE U.S. ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
(ERDA) OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND AGENCY OF INDUSTRIAL
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (AIST) OF JAPAN.

DESIRING TO PROMOTE THE CLOSEST COLLABORATION BETWEEN
AMERICAN AND JAPANESE RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS IN THE FIELD OF
ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL
BENEFIT AND IN FURTHERANCE OF THE AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN
THE FIELD OF ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CONCLUDED BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERN-
MENT OF JAPAN ON JULY 15, 1974, AND

RECOGNIZING THAT TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION IN RESEARCH
AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA OF ENERGY STORAGE BATTERIES WILL
BENEFIT THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES AND FURTHER THE PURPOSES OF
THE AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY RESEARCH
AND DEVELOPMENT,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I

A. THE MAJOR OBJECTIVE OF COOPERATION UNDER THIS AGREE-
MENT SHALL BE THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OF THE BATTERY TECH-
NOLOGY FOR BOTH ELECTRIC VEHICLE AND UTILITY ENERGY STORAGE
APPLICATIONS AND TECHNIQUES FOR ASSESSING THE TECHNOLOGY
DEVELOPMENT. OTHER APPLICATIONS MAY BE INCLUDED AS MUTUALLY
AGREED UPON.

B. THE ERDA OF AMERICA AND THE AIST OF JAPAN (HEREINAFTER
REFERRED TO AS THE PARTIES) WILL PURSUE AN INTENSIVE PROGRAM OF
COOPERATION FOR RESEARCH ON ENERGY STORAGE BATTERIES. SUCH
COOPERATION MAY TAKE THE FORM OF EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, INCLUD-
ING REPORTS, MEETINGS, VISITS, SEMINARS, SYMPOSIA. THE SUBJECTS
OF INTEREST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

(1) ASSESSMENT OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT STATUS OF
ENERGY STORAGE BATTERIES FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE AND LOAD
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LEVELING IN EACH COUNTRY,

(2) ESTABLISHMENT AND EXCHANGE OF BATTERY TEST STANDARDS
FOR APPLICATIONS CITED IN ARTICLE I-C,

(3) ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF LEAD BATTERY APPLICATIONS AND
DEVELOPMENT OF UTILIZATION METHODS,

ARTICLE II

THE PARTIES SHALL EACH DESIGNATE A COORDINATOR WHO SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OVERALL SUPERVISION OF THIS ARRANGEMENT.

THE DESIGNATION OR CHANGE OF COORDINATOR SHALL PROMPTLY BE INFORMED TO THE OTHER PARTY.

ARTICLE III

1. THE PARTIES SHALL EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, POLICIES AND PRACTICES REGARDING UTILIZATION, LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING BATTERY BATTERY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING THE FIELDS IN ARTICLE I, PARA. 1 (1)-(23).

2. THE PARTIES WILL EXCHANGE BY LETTER A LIST OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION AND INFORMATION REQUESTED, IN PRINCIPLE TWICE A YEAR.

3. AFTER RECEIVING THE LETTER, EACH PARTY SHALL PROMPTLY SEND AVAILABLE INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE OTHER PARTY.

4. FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE WILL BE DETERMINED IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE RESPECTIVE COORDINATORS.

ARTICLE IV

1. THE PARTIES SHALL PROMOTE VISITS AND EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS, TECHNICIANS AND OTHER EXPERTS (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE SCIENTISTS).

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2. FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE VISITS AND EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS SHALL BE DETERMINED IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE RESPECTIVE COORDINATORS.

ARTICLE V

THE PARTIES WILL EACH BEAR THE COSTS OF ITS OWN PARTICIPATION IN COOPERATION ENGAGED IN UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED.

ARTICLE VI

1. NOTHING IN THIS ARRANGEMENT SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PREJUDICE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS OR FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES, INCLUDING THE PARTICIPATION OF

THIRD PARTIES AS MUTUALLY AGREED.

2. EACH PARTY MAY AT ANY TIME PROPOSE OR RECOMMEND TO
THE OTHER PARTY AMENDMENT TO THIS ARRANGEMENT.

ARTICLE VII

THIS ARRANGEMENT SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE LATTER
DATE OF SIGNATURE BY A PARTY AND SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL
THE DATE OF THE TERMINATION OF THE US-JAPAN AGREEMENT ON
COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.
HOWEVER, EITHER PARTY MAY GIVE NOTICE TO THE OTHER OF ITS
INTENTION TO TERMINATE THIS ARRANGEMENT, IN WHICH CASE THIS
ARRANGEMENT WILL TERMINATE NOT LESS THAN SIX MONTHS AFTER
SUCH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN. THIS ARRANGEMENT MAY BE EXTENDED
BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT FOR A FURTHER SPECIFIED PERIOD.

DONE, IN DUPLICATE, IN THE ENGLISH AND JAPANESE LANGUAGES
BOTH BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC. UNQUOTE.

3. IF US TEAM WISHES TO DISCUSS AGREEMENT, ERDA REPS SHOULD
BE PREPARED TO COUNTER THE POINTS IN 1, ABOVE. INCIDENTALLY,
JAPANESE NERVOUS ABOUT DISCUSSING AGREEMENT WITH NON-GOVERNMENT
PERSONS, PARTICULARLY REPRESENTATIVE OF GOULD LABORATORIES.
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